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December 23, 2014

CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT
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Ben Lamoreaux
Alpine Gems and Minerals
195 North 200 East
PO Box 610
Parowan, Utah 84761

Subject: Permit Suspended for Failure to Pay Required Permit Fees, Alpine Gem and Minerals, Big Dry Valley Mine, S/025/0015, Kane County, Utah

Response Required by January 31, 2015

Dear Mr. Lamoreaux:

This letter requires the payment of permit fees, submittal of annual reports, and an update to the Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations (Notice).

Permit Fees and Annual Reports

Authorization under the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act to mine or conduct exploration operations requires the annual payment of permit fees. Division of Oil, Gas and Mining records indicate you have failed to remit your annual permit fees for the referenced mine for 2012, 2013, and 2014. **Authorization to operate under the Notice is suspended.**

You are hereby directed to cease all mining related activities, including the removal of previously mined materials, until the permit fees are paid in full. You are further directed to remit the past due amount of \$450 plus the \$150 fee for 2015, for a total of \$600.00, by January 31, 2015. Payment of the fees will remove the suspended status.

The Division has no record of receiving annual reports for this operation since 2003. The recognizes that Alpine Gems and Minerals was not responsible for the site prior to 2011, so the Division will only require the past annual reports for 2011 through 2014.



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Failure to provide all permit fees and annual reports by January 30, 2015, may result in the Division taking formal enforcement action, including the assessment of civil penalties, and/or withdrawing the Notice and requiring immediate reclamation of the site.

If you believe the Division records are in error regarding the permit fees, please provide copies of cancelled checks to document past payment(s).

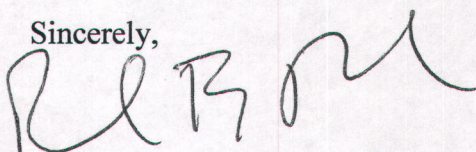
Updated Notice

The Division also requires an update of the Notice, including a revised map of sufficient scale to show the current mining related disturbances as well as any new areas where you intend to conduct mining activities. Attached is the Division's current Notice form for small mining operations. Please complete this form and return it to the Division for review. Please return the updated Notice form by January 31, 2015.

After receiving the updated Notice, the Division will review the reclamation surety. The surety amount has not been updated since 2007. You will be notified if the amount of surety needs to be adjusted.

Please contact Lynn Kunzler at 801-538-5310 or me at 801-538-5261 if you have questions about these requirements. Thank you in advance for your prompt response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. B. Baker', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Paul B. Baker
Minerals Program Manager

PBB: lk: eb
Attachment: Blank form MR-SMO
cc: James Holland, BLM, Kanab (jholland@blm.gov)
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